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In re application of: Bhullar et al.

Application No.: 09/704,235

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For: Biosensor

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2002, a request for one-month extension of time, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

In the claims

Please amend claims 1, 7, 13 and 20. The amended claims are set forth in the attached Clean Version of Replacement Claims for Entry During Prosecution of US Application No. 09/704,235, as well as a Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 13, and 20 are independent claims.

The Examiner's objections to the patent drawings have been noted. The objection proffers that the reference character "12" has been used to designate both a flat cover (in Figure 1) and a concave cover (in Figure 2). That objection is traversed due to the fact Figures 1 and 2 illustrate the same biosensor 10 in different stages of assembly and the cover 12 is the same generally flat cover in each of the figures.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the specification at page 3 lines 8-10 where it is stated that "Various aspects of the invention are presented in Figs. 1-11, which are not drawn to scale and wherein like components in the several vies are numbered

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